Survey by Albion India INC. USA for Oi/ and Gas jn the Krishna Godavari Basin

1247. SHRI SYED S1BTEY RAZ1: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during a revaluation survey carried out by the President oi' Albion India Inc. USA, several prospect of striking oil and gas in shallow water have been identified during exploration activities in the Krishna Godavari basin on the east coast of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take some action on the basis of such survey; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) Exploration work in the block KG-OS-90/1 in Krishna Godavari offshore basin is in progress.

GAS Pipeline from I/an

1248. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Wi'il the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has agreed to allow land roufe from Iran to India through its territory for gas pipeline;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) steps being taken to implement the project at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) It has been decided to study the feasibility of a gas pipeline from Iran along a sub-sea route lying outside the territorial waters of Pakistan. Bids for undertaking the feasibility study MS under evaluation.

Collection of Money by IOC Employees

1249. SHRJMATi CHANDRA KAtA PANDEY: SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question -'184 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th August, 1994 and slate:

(a) the terms of reference of enquiry conducted by IOC alongwith , signalion of the Enquiry Officer on the allegations of coercion for forceful collections of money by a section oi l: H employees in Kalyaoj and Haldia LPG Plant;

(b) was there any written enquiry report submitted by the Enquiry Committee; if so, whether it contains cross examination ox the complainants before non-establishment of the allegation.

(c) in what capacity the Chief Divi sional Manager-cum-State level Coordi nator of IOC at BhuDaneshwar Divisional Office had circulated a DO. letter to all contractors, dealers, distributors, trans porters etc. to libe ally donate for the Trust which was not patronised by IOC; and

(d) whether any action has been taken againsj this official for patronising a Trust against which complaints have teen lodged officially by the Eastern India LPG Dealers' Association for forceful collection of Contribution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) An inquiry into the allegations of coercion for forceful collection of money by a section of IOC employees in Kalyani and Haldia LPG Plants was conducted by an Inquiry Committee headed by GM (LPG), Eastern Region, IOC.

(b) No inquiry report was furnished by flic Inquiry Committee as the inquiry was verbal.

(e) Chief Divisional Manager-cum-State level coordinator of IOC at Bhu-baneswar had made an appeal for donation for a good cause on humanitarian grounds.

(d) Since complaint could not: be es-ablished. no action against the concern-d official is, called for. However, IOC ah suitably counselled him to he more arefui in hj_s conduct in future.

'rovidjng Tapt; gas to Pipavay in dqarat

1250. SHRI CHIMANBHA1 MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY
DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM ND NATURAL GAS be pleased to ate:

(a) what final decision has been taken r allocation of gas for the proposed pavav Power .Project from the Tapti -■shore fields indicating the extent of s requirement for the project and the lount of gas allocated;

(b) if decision has not yet been ten the reasons, for the delay; and

,c) how much gas is likely to be dlable from the Tapti off-shore fields; 1 what are the other projects to be with it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE NISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND TURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH ARM A); (.a) and (b) It has been de->d to bring the Tapti Gas to Hazira meet the existing commitments at ira and along the HBI pipeline. Hence s not possible to allocate Tapti for pipavav Power Project at present.

:) The plateau production from Tapti xpected to be 4.30 MMSCMD.

tioniiig of Petrol and Diesel outlets in Andbra Pradesh

!51. SHRI T. VENKATRAM RED-
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM > NATURAL GAS be pleased to

(a) the procedure adopted and the number of petrol and diesel outlets sanc-doned during 1993-94 in Andhra Pradesh; **"***

(b) the number of outlets sanctioned without adopting the prescribed proce-**dure?**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS CAP!. SATISH SHARMA); la) and (b) Majority of dealerships are awarded through Oil Selection Boards after inviting applications from persons meeting eligibility criteria with regard to age, educational qualification, income and multiple dealership norms. A few dealerships are also allotted under discretionary powers of the Government on compassionate grounds.

During the year 1993-94, 42 anj 6 Outlet dealerships were allotted h OSli and under discretionary quota of Government respectively in Andhra Pradesh.

***Oil* exploration by ONGC East and West Coast**

1252. SHRI T. VENKATRAM RED-DY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased t« state:

(a) the number of off-shore oil wells attempted for exploration of oil by ONGC and the number out of them where ONGC has- been successful;

(b) the number of oil wells attempted in East and West coast; and

(c) the estimated oil reserves in each Coast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): fa) A_s on 1-10-94 a total number of 664 exploratory wells were drilled in off-shore by ONGC of which 175 wells are proved to be oil bearing and 88 are gas wells.